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Flier Misrepresents 1996 SGA Candidates

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Fliers claiming to provide information about candidates running for office may have biased the 1996-97 Student Government elections.

The pink informational fliers included questions listed on a petition circulated earlier this week which placed a referendum vote on this year's election ballot. The referendum concerned the rights of students to overthrow Executive Cabinet's decision to bring Alpha Phi Omega, a non-Greek organization, to MWC.

The fliers also listed the SGA candidates who signed this petition, noting, "All other candidates decided not to sign the petition that gave students a chance to voice their opinions on important issues."

Executive Cabinet accepted APO based on an understanding that the SGA will act to limit the possibility

of Greek fraternities and sororities establishing themselves at MWC, according to senior Derrick Botcher, Co-Chair, SGA Welfare Committee. APO is a non-Greek volunteer organization which serves its community in a similar way to COAR and Circle K. Unlike Greek fraternities, APO allows co-ed membership, and prohibits having a fraternity house on campus, alcohol, and hazing.

Conflict over the fliers stem mostly from the involvement of Honor Council President Jon Mills in their creation and distribution. Several candidates have complained of being misled by Mills, stating that the four-question petition they signed did not resemble the two-sided letter-sized flier concerning the APO fraternity.

Mills said, in a written statement to the Bulletin. He believed that the purpose of the flier was "to provide voters with information on the positions candidates have taken on

representative governance of student affairs."

Mike Dugan, a junior who ran for SGA President, signed the petition in order to give students the right to overthrow the decisions of Executive cabinet. This is something he has worked on for three years, he says.

"[The flier distributed by Mills] isn't what I signed," Dugan said of the flier, "I thought I was signing a petition, not a campaign hand-out."

Candidates also complained of being coerced into signing the petition with the threat of missing out on the publicity of the flier.

"I was told I had no choice," said Melissa Rizzo, a junior who ran for commuting student chair, "I had to either sign it or not sign, and I could not say no comment."

Botcher, and Chris Stewart, senior Senate Vice-President, both feel that the implications that the fliers make of the candidates who did not sign the petition

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Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Carrie Sellers votes at the Commuter Student table for her choice of SGA President, Vice-President, Honor Council President, Judicial Review Board

Chair, Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Commuting Student Association Chair and Legislative Action Committee Chair. Ballots also included a referendum

on whether students should be able to overturn Executive Cabinet decisions, and whether students thought Alpha Phi Omega should be recognized by the college.

Alvey Slated To House Two Floors Of Freshmen Next Semester

By Beth McConnell
Bullet News Editor

Alvey Hall will be home to two floors of freshmen and two floors of upperclassmen next year, due to the expected acceptance of several physically challenged freshmen. Students on the second and third floors of Alvey who may have wanted to homestead will now have to find new rooms through the Room Selection process.

However, students are mainly concerned about mixing freshmen and upperclassmen in the same residence hall for the second year. Alvey's fourth floor hosted 36 freshmen women this year, and according to some, the experience was not enjoyable.

Alvey residents learned that "due to changes in the utilization of residence hall space," they would not be able to homestead on the second and third floors, according to a letter sent by Jen Miley, assistant director of Residence Life and director of Housing.

According to Dean of Students Joanne Beck, Alvey residents will

receive Displaced Student status and will have first pick of rooms during Room Selection.

Heather Woody, a freshman living on Alvey's fourth floor, said that being separated from the rest of the freshman class made it difficult

said. "Before I either had to sit in my room or force myself to hang out with upperclass people who may or may not have wanted me there in the first place."

Woody called the experience a bad one, and she would not recommend placing freshmen in an upperclass dorm

questions and concerns about the changes. Woody informed Miley then that two students from the fourth floor had already transferred and several others were considering leaving MWC. These freshmen women had admitted that they didn't have any friends, other than the ones on that hall.

Woody asked Miley to do an evaluation of the freshman women's experiences. According to Woody, Miley suggested that the women write letters to the Office of Residence Life.

Jen Rudolf, Alvey's Head Resident, said the freshmen on the fourth floor "have done the best they can with the situation they were placed in."

Rudolf added that she was not sure how happy the freshmen were with their living situation.

Woody said living together in Alvey was frustrating for freshmen and upperclassmen alike.

"It was hard on the desk aides [during visitation]. They had to call just us, to look us up to see if we were freshmen. It was really obnoxious. Our visitors just

assumed that we would have the same visitation as the rest of the dorm. But the first three dorms had their own rules," Woody said.

Woody said that while the resident assistants were strict, they understood that the freshmen women were in a "special" situation, and that they were having a harder time adapting to the college environment than most freshmen.

"We had to do a lot of growing up to fit in here," she said.

Woody said she thought that moving the handicapped students could only worsen a potential problem.

"It's only going to alienate them even more than they might already feel," she said.

However, Dean Beck stated that she has spoken with freshmen students living in the upperclass dorm who really enjoyed it.

"This is the first I've heard about it all year," Beck said. "People always get stirred up about housing."

Beck added that the fourth floor will be used for students who may transfer or who may not have roommates and will be assigned a

room. "We've always left that floor empty because we can put men or women there [because it is divided]. We use it to resolve any housing needs," she said. "That's how come we don't have people living in the study rooms in Custis or Mason [as in the past]."

Hall Council President Peter Hua agreed with Woody, saying that the other freshmen dorms allowed for more interaction and opportunities to meet other people.

"They haven't been able to make friends all the way over here. It's not the same community feel as in most freshmen dorms. In Bushnell, you had to see other people just to walk out the door," Hua said.

Hua said he did not believe the upperclassmen interacted well with the freshmen.

"The upperclassmen tend not to acknowledge the lower classmen. The upstairs is kind of excluded from the others," he said.

Hua added that Alvey residents were particularly angry over the

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Alvey Hall upperclassmen have to make way for freshmen.

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"I just met other freshmen from other dorms last month," Woody

again.

According to Woody, AD Jen Miley visited the dorm to answer the residents'

New Vice-President Raises Money For Mary Washington College

By Emily Sanderson
Bullet Staff Writer

On Feb. 20, President Anderson announced his appointment of a new Vice President for College Advancement after the positions 10 month vacancy. Anderson said that R. Scott Lyons, former Executive Director of Development at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y., will assume the office immediately.

The position, formerly held by E. Deal Tompkins whose controversial severance pay made Bulletin headlines, remained vacant from April 1995 until last Monday when Lyons came on board. In the interim, Director of College Relations Ron Singleton assumed the position's responsibilities which include all the fund-raising and alumni relations for

MWC.

According to an Office of College Relations press release, Lyons will be

responsible for developing and furthering the MWC Alumni program which serves as a major financial support for the college. A significant portion of his time will be devoted to major gift fund-raising as the college prepares for its next comprehensive fund-raising campaign.

Though he has only been in office for one full week, Lyons, 50, reported that he is impressed with MWC and said he is making a smooth transition into his new role. "I am impressed by the outstanding people of the college particularly the Advancement staff," Lyons said. "They have been short staffed for a while but they have been

performing admirably and they effectively brought me up to speed."



Photo Courtesy of College Relations

During MWC administration's search for a new Vice President several other positions in the Office of College Advancement were empty as well. According to Singleton, Lyons' appointment as a full-time vice president will make through fund-raising campaigns and new fund-raising efforts more possible. Lyons went on to say that he looks forward to becoming more familiar with his new surroundings and finding creative ways to attain his fund-raising goals. "My long-term goal is to begin working with current students to build MWC's future Alumni Program. I want to increase student awareness about their roles as part of the MWC family. For the short-term, I want to help maximize alumni involvement and financial support through such campaigns as the Fredericksburg Forum."

Citing the high level of alumni involvement already, Lyons said he is impressed by MWC's 31% alumni participation rate. "That rate is very high for a public institution," Lyons explained. "In fact, most private institutions have an alumni participation rate in the teens." Lyons hopes to further draw on this alumni pool for financial support and feedback.

Lyons' institutional career spans almost 20 years beginning with his dual positions as Director of Community Relations and Director of Corporate Relations at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. For eight years he worked in the development office of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., managing its major gifts effort. He also taught fund-raising techniques as an adjunct instructor at the State University of

New York at Albany.

Lyons, who holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Philosophy from Indiana University, has a record of community service activities in both New York and Indiana. During his career at Skidmore College, Lyons served two years as co-chairman of the college United Way campaign and was the first president of the Saratoga County Arts Council.

While at Purdue University, Lyons served as co-chairman of the first two Midsummer Arts Festivals and as president of the Tippecanoe Arts Federation at the time it began managing the Long Center for the Performing Arts. Before moving into the field of college advancement, Lyons worked for five years in branch administration at the American Fletcher National Bank in Indianapolis.

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I didn't know what to do. The one person who knew best the data I needed refused to offer me assistance, the Comptroller. Should public officials at a state college refuse to provide assistance to a journalist, a student journalist, a student journalist who is a citizen of the state which funds this college? Does this make any sense?

All over campus administrators and faculty laud critical thinking skills as the hallmark of a quality liberal arts education, the type of education they hope they are passing on to their students—except for journalism students. We are not supposed to think, to analyze critically what is told to us or given us, or to enter into honest dialogue with faculty or administrators on the very issues that shape our environment. Doors are slammed in our faces. Administrators yell in our faces. Phones

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Letters

Leave Alvey Hall Alone

Last weekend, students living on the second and third floors of Alvey Hall received letters telling them that they would not be allowed to homestead in Alvey because freshman will be placed in the rooms. The main reason for this change is that MWC is accepting wheelchair bound freshman and Alvey is a handicap accessible dorm.

Residents raised their concerns at a meeting with Jennifer Miley, Area Coordinator for Alvey. First, all might be well if someone took the time to think that the handicap rooms are on the first floor! In the case of any emergency these unfortunate people would be stuck in Alvey.

That is if they could get into Alvey. Not only is the only handicap entrance is in the back of the dorm where there are no lights, but there isn't even a card key lock on it. Right now the door is locked all the time!

All the other freshman live on the other side of campus. Wouldn't that make it extremely difficult for a handicap person to meet anyone? At the meeting, the freshman who live

in Alvey this year continually expressed their displeasure about living in Alvey because they don't know anyone other than the 36 girls on their hall.

I believe it is extremely important to have "the freshman experience." Freshman year is not only a time to leave home, but a time to meet the people how will influence you for the next four years, if not for rest of your life. It is unfair to take that away from the incoming freshman.

Personally, I waited three years to move to that end of campus. I loved living in Russell or Marshall, but I am discouraged that once I did move away the administration can make me leave without asking any residents first.

I was under the impression that the administration is concerned about upperclassman moving off campus. Then why are they making it inconvenient to live on campus? Where are they going to put these freshman after next year?

If for one never considered moving off campus until my roommate got so angry about being forced to move that she suggested it to me.

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I didn't know what to do. The one person who knew best the data I needed refused to offer me assistance, the Comptroller. Should public officials at a state college refuse to provide assistance to a journalist, a student journalist, a student journalist who is a citizen of the state which funds this college? Does this make any sense?

All over campus administrators and faculty laud critical thinking skills as the hallmark of a quality liberal arts education, the type of education they hope they are passing onto their students—except for journalism students. We are not supposed to think, to analyze critically what is told to us or given us, or to enter into honest dialogue with faculty or administrators on the very issues that shape our environment. Doors are slammed in our faces. Administrators yell in our faces. Phones

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Letters

Leave Alvey Hall Alone

Last weekend, students living on the second and third floors of Alvey Hall received letters telling them that they would not be allowed to homestead in Alvey because freshman will be placed in the rooms. The main reason for this change is that MWC is accepting wheelchair bound freshman and Alvey is a handicap accessible dorm.

Residents raised their concerns at a meeting with Jennifer Miley, Area Coordinator for Alvey. First, all might be well if someone took the time to think that the handicap rooms are on the first floor! In the case of any emergency these unfortunate people would be stuck in Alvey.

That is if they could get into Alvey. Not only is the only handicap entrance in the back of the dorm where there are no lights, but there isn't even a card key lock on it. Right now the door is locked all the time!

All the other freshman live on the other side of campus. Wouldn't that make it extremely difficult for a handicap person to meet anyone? At the meeting, the freshman who live

in Alvey this year continually expressed their displeasure about living in Alvey because they don't know anyone other than the 36 girls on their hall.

I believe it is extremely important to have "the freshman experience." Freshman year is not only a time to leave home, but a time to meet the people how will influence you for the next four years, if not for rest of your life. It is unfair to take that away from the incoming freshman.

Personally, I waited three years to move to that end of campus. I loved living in Russell or Marshall, but I am discouraged that once I did move away the administration can make me leave without asking any residents first.

I was under the impression that the administration is concerned about upperclassman moving off campus. Then why are they making it inconvenient to live on campus? Where are they going to put these freshman after next year?

I for one never considered moving off campus until my roommate got so angry about being forced to move that she suggested it to me.

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FEATURES

Civil Rights Activist Speaks For Black History Month

By Kate Dube
Bulletin Staff Writer

Civil Rights activist Julian Bond began his speech Wednesday night in Dodd Auditorium by first drawing attention to guest James Farmer, founder of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and distinguished professor of history at Mary Washington College.

"I'm honored and intimidated to be in the presence of James Farmer," said Bond. Honored, he said, because of Farmer's many contributions to the cause of civil rights, and "that magnificent voice which summoned people to courage they did not know they possessed." Bond was intimidated, he went on, because of Farmer's work as a scholar and teacher. Bond asked Farmer to "hold his peace" if he found any inaccuracies in Bond's speech.

The crowd that gathered in Dodd Auditorium on Feb. 21 consisted of MWC students and faculty and a large number of Fredericksburg residents, many of whom had seen Bond speak 20 and 30 years ago.

Bond, a distinguished scholar at the American University and history professor at the University of Virginia, thus softened the reserved image of academia first observed in his gray suit, bow tie and dignified mannerisms, with a few laughs from the crowd. He then alluded to his own credentials, showing that, although many other people have said this, he truly was a student of Martin Luther King Jr.

"I did have a close relationship with King," said Bond. "He only taught one class, one semester, and that was at his alma mater and mine, Morehouse College. I was one of six philosophy students in the fall of 1961."



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Civil Rights activist Julian Bond spoke about affirmative action in Dodd on Wed.

Bond said he didn't take notes, didn't tape record the class and hardly remembered anything. He did recount one conversation with King from that semester in which King lamented the state of the world, how many problems he was facing and how nothing was going right. "I have a nightmare," said King to Bond. "No, no," Bond said he answered. "Doc, turn that around, 'I have a dream...'" As the crowd again erupted into laughter, Bond remarked, "And the rest is history."

Bond has been a civil rights activist since his college days, when he founded the Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, a student civil rights organization that directed non-violent anti-segregationist protests. He has also been managing editor of the Atlanta Inquirer and served in the Georgia House of Representatives and the State Senate. Bond has been named to Time magazine's "200

Leaders" list and has received numerous awards for his work in civil rights, economic justice and peace.

Bond set out in his speech to promote responsibility, of the individual and in government, while talking "a little about the past, present and future."

Bond told stories of his grandfather (the son of a female slave and white landowner), his students and situations he encountered while fighting for civil rights to illustrate the history of Blacks in America. He led the uninformed through a quick history of the Civil Rights Movement, interjecting facts about current race relations in the United States today.

Bond characterized the 1994 elections, in which the Republicans overtook the house as "revitalizing and re-fighting battles we already thought we'd won." He cited the Supreme Court's opposition to affirmative action and the avoidance

of U.S. presidents and presidential candidates to talk candidly about race as barriers to equality.

Affirmative action received much time from Bond, who called Supreme Court justice Clarence Thomas the "poster boy for affirmative action." He argued that affirmative action does indeed work and does not stigmatize those who benefit from it. Citing many facts and figures, Bond went on to say the economic gap in America, the largest of any industrialized nation, cannot be fixed by merely trying to revert to a colorblind society.

"Black America sees a deep gulf between the American dream and the reality of their lives," said Bond.

According to Bond, this is not just a problem for minorities. It affects everyone, as the gains are made and the strategies are used to promote equality for blacks continue to be used in the fight for rights for women, the elderly and disabled people. Bond urged the crowd to do little and big things to make a difference, to learn from the past and look to the future.

"We would like to encourage Julian Bond to reach a broader national audience. He speaks in ways and about things I don't find in national debate."

-Thomas Schiff
Fredericksburg Resident

Once again, he remembered his grandfather, speaking of having hope for "greater efforts and grander victories."

"This is the promise we must seek to honor today," said Bond.

Following Bond's speech, many students, after fitting the lecture into a busy, pre-midterm day, left immediately after his speech, while many community members tried to reflect and share their experiences of the Civil Rights movement and Bond. Many people looked back on those years as a time when there people inspired each other. They gave examples of experience, remembering Bond as a powerful and eloquent leader during his years as an elected official.

"We were just saying how we would like to encourage Julian Bond to reach a broader national audience," said Thomas Schiff of Fredericksburg. "He speaks in ways and about things I don't find in national debate."

"I was hoping James Farmer would share the stage. It was a great

opportunity to have them there together," said Kevin Mullane of Fredericksburg. "It says a lot for the humility of Farmer."

"I had seen Mr. Bond speak about 20 years ago," said Nancy Schiff of Fredericksburg. "He had just been on Saturday Night Live, and was at the height of his popularity. He left the national scene then, to the great dismay of many of us. We wanted to see him go on."

Earlier that evening, during the question and answer period, Bond was asked if he would consider running for president.

"I don't think a lot of people know this, and certainly many didn't know it then, but I did run for president in 1976," Bond told the amused crowd. He added he had several gross left of bumper stickers from his unsuccessful campaign, which he would have in the lobby to sell as souvenirs.

"He speaks with such passion, logic, intelligence and humor," said Schiff. "When you listen to him, you think, 'This is all right; this is all true.'"

Lillian Bullock of Fredericksburg clutched a well worn book to her chest as she watched Bond leave the auditorium.

"I got it signed [by Bond] in 1975, and I brought it to be signed again," said Bullock. "I always enjoy hearing what he has to say. And, he looks just as handsome and distinguished as he ever did."

Bullock agrees with many of the suggestions for change Bond offered in his speech.

"As individuals, like Mr. Bond said, we need to learn how to get along with people. We need to inject our knowledge and experience and try not to put down any group, no matter who they are," she said.

Phi Beta Kappa Celebrates A Quarter Of A Century

By Theresa Campbell
Bulletin Staff Writer

Phi Beta Kappa is not particularly well-known at Mary Washington College, perhaps because so few students are invited to join. However, nationally, this society is highly recognized as an honorary society which "encourages superior scholarship and honors individuals who have distinguished themselves in academic pursuits in the liberal arts," as quoted from a news bulletin on the 25th anniversary celebration.

The celebration was held on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in the Ridderhof-Martin Gallery. The celebration was organized by a committee led by Senior Vice President for Administration and Student Services Conrad Wartick and Donald Glover, president of Kappa of Virginia and distinguished professor of English. Remarks were made by Glover, President of the college William Anderson, Jr., Grellet Simpson, former chancellor of the college, and Douglas Ford, secretary of the National Phi Beta Kappa Society.

The society is not easy to get into. Individuals who are invited to join must show excellence in learning and/or teaching. Inductees include seniors, the occasional junior, and alumni who have distinguished themselves in education.

The standards for invitees are very high. The society recognizes students who take the job of a student quite seriously. Invitees must also show proficiency in a foreign language as required by the school, but they can be from any department. Last year, only 28 seniors and 3 juniors were invited to join.

Since the society is nationally recognized, those who have become members have a better chance in the work force. However, according to Glover, Phi Beta Kappa does not like to brag. The society does not want students to make good grades simply to be invited to join the society. There should be more meaning and interest than that, Glover said.

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest honorary society in the United States. It was originally started as a fraternity by a group of young men at The College of William & Mary in 1776. New chapters of the fraternity first appeared at Yale, Harvard and Dartmouth. The society became nationally recognized in 1883, and allowed the entrance of women in 1875. This was the end of the "fraternity" and the beginning of the society. Today there

are hundreds of chapters and about 400,000 living members nationwide, said Glover.

The MWC chapter of the society was officially started in 1971. Starting a chapter is a highly involved and long process that requires dedication and patience. The first step was taken in 1964. Over the next few years many people worked hard to show to the Phi Beta Kappa board members that the school provided the liberal arts education which the society promoted. A formal petition was signed in 1970 to ask the board to choose MWC over other competing schools. This petition, which now hangs in the Simpson Library, was signed by Edward Alvey, Jr., the former dean of the college, Glover and Simpson, among others. The chapter was finally started on Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday, and named Kappa of Virginia. Since the group's start, approximately 760 students have been initiated, according to Glover.

Simpson spoke first at the celebration making his intentions for the college during his career as chancellor clear in his speech. He wanted MWC to be a supporter of the liberal arts and give its students the chance for such an education. Through the remarks of Ford, listeners were given a synopsis of what it takes to make a liberal arts education work. He spoke of a weekend workshop held for high school students on chaos theory in 1985 that required a lot of planning and commitment.

The program continued with speakers David Cain, chapter historian and distinguished professor of religion. Cain related the history of the chapter to attendees, which some of the newer members may not have known. He emphasized the work that went into starting the chapter and recognized those that took on this task. He also related the accomplishments of the society since it's beginning.

"The celebration...was especially meaningful in that Simpson and Alvey were with us. It is especially exciting for me to see, after 25 years, that there is new vitality and interest in Kappa of Virginia. I wonder, in fact, if the chapter has ever been stronger at any time in history," said Cain.

Also speaking was Adrienne May, who was in the group of 24 students that were initiated in 1971. Her speech focused on living as a student at MWC, graduation and being inducted into the society.

After the speeches, sculptor Steven Bickley unveiled the honorary addendum to the event:

Profile: Dean Of Students' History At MWC

By Dana Birkholz
Bulletin Assistant Features Editor

After fourteen years at this, Dean of Students Joanne Beck is used to Bulletin interviews, always talking face to face in comfortable chairs, never from behind her large desk. Soon after stepping into her office, one can pick up two things about her right away: she is a mother of two and she handles her complicated job with the same ease and grace as she handles a reporter.

In her office Beck proudly displays pictures of her daughters and her husband. The walls are covered with artwork, two by her youngest child. She is quick to explain that the prints were done when her daughter, who is now a preschool teacher, was in high school and that it is tough for a mother to get a copy of her child's artwork.

Years ago Beck began her job with a different style. Waiting in the sidelines, listening to the vice president of Mary Washington College announce her new position in the administration, Beck was nervous and excited about her presentation. She was also secretly trying to act the sophisticated before her veteran colleagues, when William Anderson, then

"At Randolph Macon, as a woman, you were told and you believed 100 percent that there was nothing that you can't do."

-Joanne Beck
Dean of Students

presented Beck with a blue and white beanie (not unlike those for the Girl Scouts) complete with a blue puff ball on top and the lettering "Dean of Students." How could she come off as serious and sophisticated with a beanie on her head?

To this day, the beanie sits proudly in Beck's Lee Hall office, as a constant reminder that her job is challenging, but also can be fun.

"The most exciting part is that no two days are alike. Your 'To Do List' never gets done," said Beck. For fourteen years, Beck has held the position of Dean of Students. While many MWC students are probably aware that Beck recently announced her decision to resign from the position, they may not know that she began her career as a

professor of Biology. In fact, there are many "hats" Beck has worn throughout her life that students and other administrators may not be aware of.

Beck was raised in Farmville, Va. and received her undergraduate diploma in Biology from Randolph Macon Women's College. In 1966, Beck went on to receive her Ph.D. in Anatomy from Duke University, specializing in immunology. Her background added significantly to the curriculum of the Biology department when she added the History course to the curriculum, which is still being taught. Beck also wrote the course's lab manual.

"At Randolph Macon, as a woman, you were told and you believed 100 percent that there was nothing that you can't do," said Beck. In 1970, Beck decided to take seven years off from her career to raise two daughters, Tina and Kristen, who both now reside in Fredericksburg. Kristen, her youngest, actually braved attending MWC during her mother's career as Dean of Students.

According to Beck, her daughter's last name was different (she took her husband's name) and most people had no idea there was a relation until Kristen was asked to talk about her mom in one of her courses.

"[The class] had to do something on their mothers... and she ended [her speech] with 'And many of you may know that my mother is Dean Beck' and the kids had no idea. It was like a bomb. But it was nice that she could go here without really being connected with me," laughed Beck.

In 1977, Beck began her MWC career when she was hired by the Biology department. According to Beck, she has always loved teaching and had intended on staying with that area until she applied for tenure in 1982. At the time that she submitted her application to the college, all of the faculty in her department were tenured. Beck said, which made her chances risky. At the same time, her current position opened up in administration and she applied for it instead of trying for tenure as a professor.

Beck has witnessed many changes over the fourteen years in the administration and she



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

There is more to Dean of Students Joanne Beck than most people realize.

is quite proud of them. According to Beck, when she first accepted the position the residence life program was very limited compared to the program that is now practiced. In fact the position of resident assistant was only available for two years. "[Residents assistants] were not respected and programming was a dirty word. Now we have evolved to where RAs program and [we have] the peer educators and the Wellness Center to train students to have healthy and productive lives," said Beck.

Beck has not only noticed a difference in the policies of MWC, but also in the students over the years. According to Beck, students today are more assertive and she is pleased to see these changes.

Today, Beck is looking to the future expectantly. She is very excited to be going back to teaching in the spring semester of 1997, but as of yet does not know which courses she will be teaching. "When you teach, you don't just teach a subject. You teach concepts. And what you teach is applicable to many different things. In biology lab, if you are teaching someone how to carry on a project or experiment, in order to do it successfully, they have got to know... how to plan and go from one step to another. That is no different from planning a dinner party for 25 people," Beck said.

Beyond teaching, Beck has other plans for her future. She is currently very involved in the community including working on the Board at Mary Washington Hospital.

Her other plans include one thing: "I love to sail," said Beck.

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a 400-pound cast iron replica of the Phi Beta Kappa key that Bickly had sculpted. The sculpture is about three feet tall, two feet wide and three inches thick. On the front of the key is the Phi Beta Kappa symbol and three stars which represent friendship, morality and literature. A plaque will be placed under the key and will explain the purpose of Phi Beta Kappa and contain the motto "philosophia biou kubernetes," which means "Love of Wisdom, the helmsman of life" and subsequently is from where the letters PBK are derived.

Student members of the society are proud of this symbol.

"I think that bringing the key on campus for the anniversary celebration is a really good idea because it will increase the awareness of Phi Beta Kappa and hopefully encourage others to strive to emulate the tenants that Phi Beta Kappa upholds," said senior Jeanette LaCivita.

The key will be placed on campus walk near Trinkle. It will be surrounded by a small wall so people can sit and look at it. The purpose of this strategic location is to provide a visual reminder of MWC's commitment to excellence in academics, according to Glover.

Following the celebration was a banquet at the Great Hall in Woodard Campus Center.

"To have the history of this chapter brought forward was very inspiring for me. To hear from people who had been here since the start of the chapter made me feel like part of something admirable," said W. Garner Campbell, assistant professor of English.

The celebration had a very friendly atmosphere, resembling a family reunion, said Campbell. The senior members had a chance to catch up with each other and the new members to the chapter had a chance to meet some honorable alumni. The speeches of Cain and May provided

a time for reflection on the values of the society. It was obvious to Campbell that they had deep feelings towards the society and cared about it's past and continuing success.

The student members of the society had a great time.

"It was a great commemoration. As a recent inductee, I've had little experience with the society so far. I gained an understanding of the goals of the society and what it stands for," said senior Andrea Frome.

According to Campbell, Kappa of Virginia is also in the process of creating a home page to appear on the World Wide Web to increase familiarity with the society. The main designers of the page include Bob Rycroft, professor of economics, Joe DiBella, professor of art, Jodi Hayob, assistant professor of geology, Frome and Campbell. The page will include a picture of the soon-to-be-placed key, information on the 25th anniversary celebration, news on upcoming events, names of the current

members, including those who are no longer at the school, and short biographies on members still enrolled at MWC.

The page will hopefully be finished in two or three weeks. When finished, it will provide links to other sights of interest on the Web. It will be the most elaborate Web page for Phi Beta Kappa in the United States, said Campbell.

Phi Beta Kappa also sponsors the Distinguished Scholar's Program, where the society designates educators to give lectures at different colleges and universities across the country. On March 21, Professor Michael Posner, one of the lecturers in the program, will present an open lecture titled, "Images of the Mind."

Kappa of Virginia will be selecting new "phibates," as the members are called, to be initiated at a traditional ceremony which will take place on March 24. The ceremony is open to the public.

SPEAKER S POTLIGHT

Julia Alvarez will be speaking on March 27 in Lee Hall Ballroom, 8 p.m.

By Dana Birkholz
Bulletin Assistant Features Editor

in 1994.

As part of Women's History Month, novelist and poet Julia Alvarez will be speaking about her novels on Mar. 27 at 8 p.m. in Lee Hall Ballroom. Alvarez will also be hosting a workshop for writers with questions on Mar. 27 at 2 p.m.

Alvarez has published two novels. The first, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*, was published in 1991. Most recently Alvarez has also written *In the Time of the Butterflies*

Alvarez was born in New York in 1950 and received her Masters of Fine Arts from Syracuse University. She is currently an associate professor of English at Middlebury College in Middlebury, VT.

She has received many commendations for her poetry as well as her fiction. Some of these include first prize for narrative in the Third Woman Prize Award in 1986. In 1991, Alvarez won the Josephine Miles Award for her novel *Garcia Girls*.



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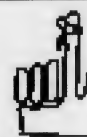


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Bullet Player of the Week

Pitcher for the baseball team, Jeff "Hooter" Hootselle takes the award this week. Hootselle, who was an All-CAC selection last season, began this season on the right foot. "Hooter" led the Eagles to a 10-0 victory in the team's season opener against Catholic University. He went the distance, pitching a complete-game shutout, allowing only five hits. Hootselle tied a school record with fourteen strikeouts in the game. Other finalists for the award were Field Hockey players Charlotte Cockrell, Heather Hallows and Eliza Huber. Cockrell scored six goals against Longwood College on Feb. 28. In the same contest, Hallows and Huber both scored four times.

Riding Places Third

The MWC Riding team finished third out of the 15 teams that participated in the University of Virginia Show on Feb. 24. The team received first place finishes from five different riders to move into third place.

Sophomore Morgan White and senior Tad Czystewski both finished first in Open Flat competition. Freshman Teresa Bettis finished first in Novice Flat, junior Robin Birnbaum finished first in Novice Fences, and junior Mike Goodman was first in Beginning Walk-Trot Canter.

The team will next compete in the Regional Finals, held at the University of Maryland on April 6.

Indoor Track and Field at Mason-Dixon

The men's and women's indoor track teams traveled to Lexington, Va. on Feb. 25 to compete in the Mason-Dixon Championships. The women's team finished third out of seven teams, while the men came away with a fourth place finish.

Junior Myra Simpson led the women's team, finishing first in the triple jump. She won with a leap of 37' 8 3/4", a school record and long enough to qualify for the NCAA Championships. She also finished second in the long jump, registering a leap of 17'4". Freshman Katrin Banks won the shot put with a heave of 38'11", also a school record. Senior Allison Coleman also shined for the women's team, finishing first in the 5,000 meters, and second in the 1,500.

The men's team finished fourth out of six teams in the competition in spite of several strong performances. Derek Amos won the high jump, tying his own school record of 6'6", freshman Tom Swigart won the shot put event with a throw of 43' 10 1/2", and junior Jon Gates finished first in the 5,000 meters.

Men's Tennis Opens Season Against VMI

The men's tennis team opened their 1996 season in Lexington, Va., against the Virginia Military Institute. The Eagles lost, 5-2 against their Division I opponent.

The Eagles' two victories came in singles play. Junior Chris Wallace, MWC's No. 1 seed, defeated VMI's top player in straight sets, 6-2, 7-5. The other win came courtesy of freshman Rob Bragoli, who got his collegiate career off on the right foot, with a three-set victory in the No. 4 singles match.

Upcoming Events . . .

Women's Lacrosse (0-0)

Mar. 2 at Guilford College, 2 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Mar. 2 at Methodist College, 9 a.m.

Men's Lacrosse

Mar. 9 vs. Kenyon College
at the Battleground, 3 p.m.

Baseball

Mar. 2 at Hampden-Sydney College, 1 p.m.
Mar. 3 vs. Johnson & Wales College
at the Battleground, 1 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Mar. 3 vs. Guilford College
at Hilton Head, S.C., 12 p.m.
Mar. 5 vs. Philadelphia Textile
at Hilton Head, S.C., 12 p.m.

Softball

Mar. 2 - 10: Florida Rebel Games, TBA

Baseball Gets the Ball Rolling

Eagles Start Season with 10-0 Blanking, Followed by a 19-4 Spanking

By Dave Carey

Bullet Staff Writer

Mike Carpenter
Bullet Staff Writer

The Mary Washington baseball team got off to a fast start in 1996, pummeling CAC rival Catholic University, 10-0, and then destroying Eastern Mennonite, 19-4.

The Eagles received a strong pitching performance against Catholic from junior lefty Jeff Hootselle, and the team pounded out 13 hits in the season opener.

"This was one of the best games we've ever played coming out of the shoot," said four-time CAC Coach of the year Tom Sheridan.

Hootselle went all nine innings on Sunday, scattering five hits while tying a school record for strikeouts with 14. Hootselle tied the record set by teammate Aaron Mudry last year.

"Jeff was in command all day. He kept their leadoff hitter off the bases all day except once," said Sheridan.

According to Sheridan, Hootselle asked to stay in the game after the seventh inning, with MWC leading 10-0, because he felt he was getting stronger.

Hootselle got offensive support from a number of sources on Sunday as MWC showed the depth of its lineup. Eight of

nine Eagle starters had a base hit, including five that had multiple-hit games.

Senior centerfielder Chris Wright led the attack, going two-for-five with two runs batted in and a stolen base. Wright, the leadoff hitter, will be counted on to spark the Eagles' offense this season.

"He and Jin Wong have exceptional speed," said Sheridan. "Any time they get on, it is like hitting a triple."

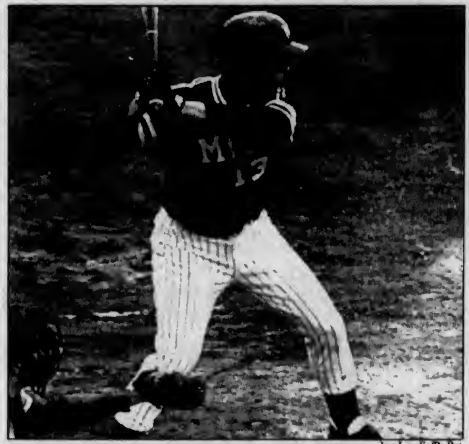
Wong and senior shortstop Clay Trivett each stole two bases Sunday, as the Eagles used their aggressive baserunning to produce six thefts against Catholic. Trivett also had a big day at the plate, going 2-3 with three runs batted in and a run scored.

Sheridan had to be pleased to see the bottom of his lineup produce five hits, five runs batted in and score four runs on Sunday. The ninth place hitter, freshman Adam Natsyn, hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning that capped the scoring.

"Everybody from one through nine is capable of getting two hits per game this year," said junior catcher Nathan Payne.

With a solid nucleus returning from last season's 21-12 squad, head coach Tom Sheridan and the Mary Washington College baseball team hope to return to the NCAA Division III Tournament in 1996.

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Freshman first baseman Eric Guyton waits for a pitch in yesterday's game. Guyton was 1-4 with 2 RBI in MWC's 19-4 win.

Women's Lacx Relies on Senior Leadership

By Melissa Schreiber

Bullet Staff Writer

The Mary Washington Women's lacrosse team opened its season in impressive fashion yesterday, humiliating Longwood by a final tally of 17-1.

Senior Nicole Matthews had a superb game in goal for the Eagles, totaling nine saves, and junior Charlotte Cockrell scored six goals to lead the team. Seniors Eliza Huber and Heather Hallows added four apiece. Hallows had three assists.

The Eagles have two big advantages for this upcoming season. The team is returning all five of their seniors, who all received All-Conference honors last season. The team is also returning their entire starting lineup.

"The team has actually played together for a whole season of competition. In reality, the juniors and seniors have played together for three years now. The senior class has built a strong base," said Dana Hall, who has been the Eagles' coach for the past five seasons.

The returning seniors are a strong unit who have received many honors besides All-CAC. Huber was a Second-Team All-American in 1995. Hallows earned a Second-Team All-Region and senior co-

captain Amy Halter was First-Team All-Region. Senior Co-captain Jen Waffif and senior Tricia Kube were exceptionally helpful in ground ball work and interceptions.

For the upcoming season, the Eagles have one main goal in mind, to win the conference tournament. Coach Hall believes that this is a goal that her team can achieve.

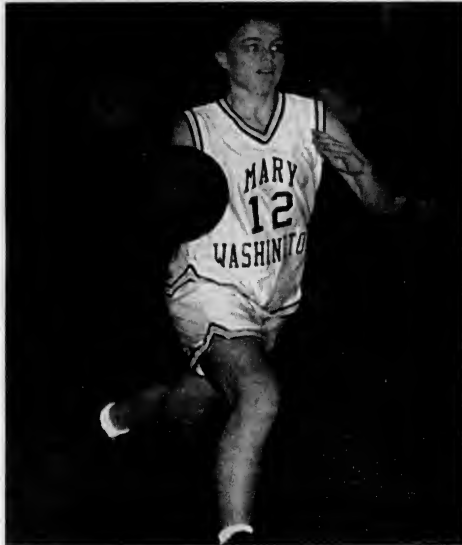
"Our goal is to win our conference. This is the first year we've had a conference tournament, so it's a realistic goal," said Hall.

This is the first year for a CAC tournament and on April 18, the women will face one of the three teams in its conference, either St. Mary's, Goucher, or Salisbury State.

Coming off an 8-6 season, the team's other goal is to win a first-ever bid to the National Tournament, knowing that the top two teams in the region will earn a bid.

Besides competing against the three teams in the CAC, the Eagles will have to go up against three of the nation's top teams. Trenton State, the defending national champions, along with Roanoke, Rowan and Washington & Lee are all ranked in the top

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File Photo

Senior guard Robin Coates was the Eagles' leading scorer in 1996.

Women's Basketball Bows Out of Tourney

By Les Shaver

Bullet Staff Writer

The Marymount Saints' 94-80 victory ended the MWC women's basketball season. Of more lasting importance, the game also brought to a conclusion the careers of two of the best players in school history.

The Eagles stuck with the Saints for the first ten minutes. However, the Saints' superior height and solid shooting helped them open a lead midway through the half. "They hurt us inside," Coach Connie Gallahan said. "So we went to a zone for two possessions and they hit three threes."

The Eagles came out strong in the second half, as they did in their earlier encounter at Marymount. They went on a 17-8 run sparked by freshman Mina Karousos to cut Marymount's lead to eight. However, the Saints eventually pulled away to bury the Eagles.

"We played well as a team," Gallahan said.

Unfortunately for the team, this could not prevent them from losing to Marymount for the third time this season.

In the game, freshman Andrea Sellers led the Eagles in scoring, as she has in the team's three games against Marymount. She paced the Eagles with 23 points. Senior Robin Coates added 16 points, while freshman Missy Barnes scored 11. Stephanie Teter contributed 13 points, to

go along with eight rebounds and six steals.

Teter and Coates careers came to an end with this loss. Both players have ended leadership and talent to Gallahan's program, especially this season, during which the team has lost several players to injury.

"Both have had excellent years," Gallahan said. "After we were depleted by injuries they stepped up night in and night out."

"The seniors really helped me this year," said Sellers, who has played well in this, her first season.

Although statistics alone cannot explain how important Teter and Coates have been to the program, they begin to indicate why they will be missed.

Coates finished third in MWC history in assists (326), fourth in blocked shots (62), and seventh in steals (77).

Teter ended her career as first in MWC history in assists (609), steals (286), three-point shooting percentage (.315), and three-pointers made (117). She is also ninth on the all-time scoring list with 1,017 points.

Nationally she also made her mark by leading the nation in assists with 8.5 per game this season. However, her most remarkable achievement is that she is just the third player in NCAA Division III history to register 1000 points and 600 assists in a

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Softball Powers Up in '96

By Bryan Tucker

Bullet Ass. Editor

As a freshman, Kara Smith stole 41 bases in 46 attempts, annihilating the former school record of 12 stolen bases. Smith now has put herself at a pace that could break the NCAA Division III record of 150 stolen bases by JoAnn Heckethorn of Trenton State.

Smith's flexibility in the batter's box is the key to her getting on first in order to steal all her bases.

"She [Smith] can do a number of things. . . she can get a running start [in the batter's box], then stop and hit the ball, get a running start and slap at the ball and continue to run to first base, or she can do various types of bunts that in itself is exciting to watch," said MWC softball head coach Dee Conway.

Smith is joined by last season's top hitter, Sara Goode, as these sophomores look to the Eagles take the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) by storm.

"I think we have the possibility to do a lot of great things," said outfielder Tracey Phillips, a senior co-captain. "We have great freshmen and good players with good attitudes."

Smith also hit .378 with 32 runs scored on her way to First-Team CAC honors. She or senior outfielder Carin Gsellman will be this season's lead-off hitter.

Goode, the starting catcher, led the

team in '95 with a .405 average and broke the school record for triples with eight. She also led the team in slugging percentage at .676 and on-base percentage with .467.

The Eagles did encounter heavy losses to graduation from last season with All-CAC first baseman Tasha Thomas, who hit .364, and third baseman Pam Williams. Also, they lost Nicki Patton, a second-team All-CAC performer, who was fifth in the CAC in ERA at 2.61, but chose not to play in '96. Also, pitcher Stephanie Vance transferred to George Mason.

With the loss of her top two pitchers, Coach Conway looks to sophomore Jenny Adams to inherit the top spot on the staff. Adams was 2-0 last year with a 1.75 ERA. She is excited about the opportunity and will rely on a fastball, change and rise to slow down her opponents. Freshman Janet Oldis will also handle some of the pitching responsibilities.

Joining Phillips in the captain duties will be Tasha Stancill, a three-year starter at shortstop. Stancill contributed 14 RBI last season (tied for fourth on the team) and Phillips posted the fourth-best fielding percentage at .912.

"I think they [the captains] are the type of players the other players can look up to and feel comfortable with," said

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By Zak Billmeier &
Brian Schumacher

Picking their scabs, salting their wounds, licking them and taking a shot of tequila this week:

1. The Washington Wizards

The contest to change the name of the Washington NBA franchise has been a hot topic of conversation in and around the district these past few weeks. Everyone from the White House to the crack house has had an opinion, and The Gun is a little tired of all the talk. Finally, the team announced to the world that it would become the Washington Wizards. Apparently, this was team owner Abe Pollin's favorite name all along, which brings into question the integrity of the entire contest.

The Washington Post sponsored a contest prior to the unveiling the new name that revealed just how few people liked any of the names. "None of the above" received the most votes, followed by "Bullets." Abe should have taken our advice and called his team the Ten Cent Whores. If nothing else, that name would have at least said something about the town they represent.

In fact, Wizards is probably about the stupidest name they could have chosen. Well, besides Lizards, of course. Rumor has reached the Bullet Sports desk that the Lounge Lizard had approached Pollin about naming the team, the Lizards. Abe is said to have responded by asking, "why the hell would anyone want to be named after a scaly reptile that should be extinct by now?", and promptly calling security. Sorry guys, Abe may not have the best taste in the world, but he does have some taste.

This whole debate has been rather absurd. First of all, Pollin decided that the team needed a new name because he did not want to encourage, or have any connection to, the violence and crime of Washington, D.C. Of course, Abe's decision to change the team's name had absolutely nothing to do with the fact that the Bullets had finished last in the NBA in merchandise sales each of the last four years. Abe, you're a fraud, just like the contest you conducted.

2. J.R. vs. A.C.

With a deft and wicked elbow to the teeth the other night, J.R. Reid (you remember - the chubby kid from UNC that left much, much earlier than he should have for the NBA) proved he was a true Knick. Traded very recently, Reid proved that he's a bad, bad man. Of course, that's why the Knicks got him in the first place, because in New York, the mo' bad dudes, the mo' better. Do the right thing, Spike.

As for the incident, we aren't sure exactly what caused the spat, but office scuttlebutt seems to point toward the fact that A.C. Green really needs to get paid. Don't be spreading rumors, though.

3. Wayne!

Finally, Wayne Gretzky has managed to get himself out of California's armpit and onto a good team. What a way to end up a career - on the same line as Brett Hull. Now Gretzky can average 200 assists a season until age 57, effectively punishing and degrading any further foolish arguments that Mario Lemieux is a better all-time player. Another dozen Stanley Cups and Hart Trophies ought to look good above the Great One's fireplace. One prediction (and you know our record on these): look for Wayne to gain it up. No more Lady Byng trophies. He says he wants to take on Tie Domi and when he's finished with the smackdown, he's going looking for Bob Probert. YEAH!

4. Pats

That's it. We're not letting that stupid, flannel lizard out of the port-o-let anymore. It's killing too much ozone.

5. University of Southern Maine Baseball

Poor Ed Flaherty. This was the year that his USM Huskies were going to turn their formerly successful baseball team around and make another run at the national title. However, the LVS (La Vegas Syndrome), a debilitating illness which has afflicted other Maine college baseball programs in the past, showed up as if to say, "No, Ed, not until you take over the UMaine job."

Seventeen of Flaherty's players were busted for gambling. They placed \$5,000 worth of bets collectively, which probably amounts to little more than betting pools and trash talking during batting practice and pickup basketball games, but which is nonetheless still a violation of NCAA rules. I guess news from Maryland doesn't make it all the way to Gorham, Maine (The Gun is not surprised).

Don't blame Flaherty. He is one of the best coaches in the country, and he is always sure that his players understand exactly what is going on as far as the rules are concerned.

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The 1995 season marked the first time in five seasons that the Eagles did not advance to the tournament. Sheridan will rely on a veteran pitching staff and contributions from several newcomers to help the Eagle baseball program return to national prominence.

Despite the loss of the CAC player of the year, first baseman Brian Lillis, and starting shortstop Steve Blankenship, MWC still has several quality veterans along with a slew of promising newcomers. Trivett, a starter at second base the last two years, will move to shortstop '96 to anchor an infield that could start three freshmen. Trivett stole 15 bases and knocked in 23 runs in 1995. The versatile senior also doubles as a closer on the pitching staff.

The rest of the infield may be filled with freshmen. Eric Guyton should start at first base, with Chris Kenney at second and Natsyn at third. Kenney had an outstanding fall season, batting a robust .444. The lineup is far from set in stone, though. Juniors John Gutthier and Josh Mosser, as well as sophomore Tim McKenzie and freshman Emilio Perez should push for playing time in the infield.

A promising outfield is anchored by centerfielder Chris Wright, who hit .304 with 18 stolen bases in 1995. Wong, playing left field, and sophomore Pat McCloskey in right field will add a lot of speed to Sheridan's lineup. Sophomores Tom Zarcane and Matt White also look to contribute heavily this season.

At the designated hitter slot, sophomore Tim Deyesus also functions as a backup catcher. Deyesus hit .327 and scored 34 runs in 1995 en route to second team All-CAC honors.

Payne, the starting catcher ever since he arrived at MWC, will be the catcher again this year. He was an All-CAC selection his freshman year. Backing him up will be sophomore Jeff Roberts, freshman Chris Fines, and Deyesus.

They will handle a veteran pitching staff, led by 1995 All-Region and First Team All-CAC southpaw Jeff Hootselle. Hootselle went 6-2 last year with a 3.24 ERA and a school-record 79 strikeouts. Fellow junior Aaron Mudry, who was 5-1 with a 3.29 ERA in '95 and freshman Donny Michael will be counted on to provide quality innings for the Eagles. Other top pitchers are sophomore Kevin Losty, senior Joe Del Buono, and junior Daryl Walls. Freshmen Jeff Sheldon, B.J. Belcher, and Dan Arias could break into the rotation.

Coach Sheridan will rely on strong pitching to carry the Eagles back to the top of the suddenly highly competitive CAC. Salisbury State won the league title last year, and York and Catholic are always tough contenders. The Eagles also face a difficult non-conference schedule this year, with traditional South Region powers N.C. Wesleyan, Ferrum, and Bridgewater all coming to Battleground Stadium.



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B.S. (Bullet Staff) Sports Polls

College Hoops Pro Basketball Pro Hockey 10 Worst Franchises

1. Kentucky (78)	1. Chicago (79)	1. Detroit (84)	1. LA Clippers (57)
2. UMass (66)	2. Orlando (65)	2. Pittsburgh (72)	2. Minn. Twolves (34)
3. Kansas (61)	3. Seattle (62)	3. NYRangers (66)	3. Tampa Bay Bucs (33)
4. UConn (55)	4. Houston (50)	4. Colorado (60)	4. Bullets/Wizards (22)
5. Cincinnati (38)	5. San Antonio (48)	5. Florida (56)	5. New Jersey Nets (21)
6. Purdue (30)	6. Utah (39)	6. Chicago (54)	6. San Diego Padres (20)
7. Villanova (28)	7. Indiana (33)	7. Philadelphia (35)	7. Dallas Mavericks (19)
8. Georgetown (18)	8. LALakers (28)	8. Montreal (30)	8. Hartford Whalers (16)
9. Texas Tech (17)	9. Cleveland (17)	9. St. Louis (13)	9. Arizona Cardinals (13)
10. Utah (11)	10. New York (11)	10. Washington (9)	10. Ottawa Senators (12)

This week's contributors to the B.S. Poll were: Zak Billmeier (Editor), Brian Schumacher (Asst. Editor), Bryan Tucker (Associate Editor), and staff writers Eric Gaffan, Les Shaver, Mike Carpenter, and special guest pollsters Sully and Brendan Severo. Resident hockey expert

Jenine Zimmers once again contributed to the NHL poll.

D/S-Honorable Mentions for the 10 worst franchises in pro sports include: The Winnipeg Jets, Milwaukee Brewers, Washington Redskins, and New York Jets.

The B.S. Poll will return after Spring Break, the categories then will

be (drum roll, please): College basketball, pro basketball, and pro hockey. Fourth category is up for suggestions.

Would you like to be a B.S. pollster? If so, just talk to Zak or Brian on campus (we probably won't bite, or anything), or call the Sports Desk at 654-1133.

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With the graduations of Teter and Coates MWC women's basketball enters a new era. Freshmen Sellers, Missy Barnes, Erica Salmin, and Mina Karousos got significant playing time this season, and will be called upon to contribute next year.

Next year's team will be young, but will be able to rely more on their inside game with Lindsay Stover and Ashley Seekford returning from injury.

"With the recruits and the experience from this year we should be good," said Gallahan.

Still, Teter and Coates will be missed. Even if others can fill up the box scores, their experience and leadership will be absent from the floor.

"They had experience and talent," Gallahan said.

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15 nationally. All are on the Eagles' schedule.

Coach Hall does not think that this difficult schedule will discourage her team.

"I think playing as challenging of a schedule as we have could become a weakness if we continue to measure our success upon wins and losses," she said.

Hall hopes that freshman Melissa Ballance and Whitney Ziskal, both midfielders, will add depth to her squad.

In order to reach their goals for this season, coach Hall and her team captains are working toward uniting the team and working together.

"What we've done so far is bring

the team more together than in the past. We're more team-oriented. As a team captain, that's one of my goals, to get the team to bond," said Wassif.

If the team does win a bid to the National Tournament, it could mean that the senior players would miss graduation, because the first round of the tournament is on graduation day. This is something the seniors agreed to sacrifice even before their season started.

Hallowes made the decision to possibly sacrifice her graduation easily.

"The other seniors and I have dedicated the past three years to this sport. It's in our blood. I couldn't imagine sitting in graduation thinking about how my team was doing at regionals. There are many sacrifices in life; the chance to go to the national tournament is worth the sacrifice," she said.

The Eagles' next game will be on Saturday, March 2, against Guilford College in North Carolina. After Guilford, the women will be going to St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Conway.

Senior infielder Janel Skipwith and third baseman/catcher Liz Dalton are other players who return with experience from last season. However, Conway believes the softball team has a "really nice recruiting class."

Oldis and infielder Kate Krukli headline this year's group of freshmen. Outfielders Susanne Eymmer, Holly Dennison, and Meredith Gompf are also expected to receive playing time this year.

Freshmen infielder Carrie Williams and outfielder Natalie Simpson round out the class.

"Our team will be very solid as far as batting goes; defensively the freshmen who have come in are very talented and have pushed the upperclassmen," said Phillips.

Conway believes that this year's line-up is potentially the best one in her nine years coaching at MWC. She also believes that the team will not have to rely solely on the bunting game the team used to gain success last season.

"We can long-ball, we can play the short game. I think we have the capabilities to do both and I think that's going to our advantage because nobody is going to know what we're doing," said Conway.

Last season, MWC went 6-2 in the regular season in conference play to win the regular-season CAC Championship. The team finished the season 20-17.

Also, for the first time in three years, the softball team will have an actual home field to play own. The park holds up to 200 people and will be "officially" dedicated on March 30 prior to a doubleheader versus Christopher Newport University. Conway said some of the sophomores had no idea where the field was, but it is safe to say that hopes are high as soon as they step on it.

"I think our expectation of ourselves needs to remain high if we expect to win and expect to play well; if we do that we're going to be okay," said Conway.

The season opens March 1-2 at the Methodist College Invitational, and the first home doubleheader is against Lynchburg College on March 22.

Men's Lax Strives for National Recognition

By Melissa Schreiber
Bullet Staff Writer

For many students, this year's snowfall meant canceled classes and playing outside. For the Mary Washington College men's lacrosse team, the snow meant spending the majority of the pre-season either indoors or on a muddy field at the Battleground.

Although the Eagles spent a great deal of time in Goolrick Gym, the players have had plenty of time to work on techniques, such as picking up ground balls and setting picks. Helping the players in this process is head coach Kurt Glaeser, who has coached the team for the past seven years.

"We're just working on a lot of technical things. We're still very much in the technical phase, polishing things like stick work. We want all of our guys to be fluent with both hands," Glaeser said.

Now that the team is getting in shape and spending more time outdoors, Glaeser is optimistic about the season ahead.

"What's nice about this year is that we have seniors at every position. That's an advantage we haven't had," Glaeser said.

Although the Eagles lost Aaron Reed, MWC's all-time leading scorer, they will have most of their starters from last season returning, including the their senior tri-

captains, Bryan Eckle, Denis Tarpey, and Bill McLean, who is the team's second all-time career scorer. Other key players returning are junior attackman Kyle Aldrich, the team's top scorer last season, and senior goalkeeper Marc McCrudden.

New additions for the team this year are Kevin Nely, a transfer from Hampden-Sydney, and freshmen Ryan Anderson, Chris Lanzilotta, and Garry Vischer.

The Eagles are coming off a season in which they registered six wins and eight losses, but defeated tough regional opponents Lynchburg and Western Maryland for the first time in school history.

Glaeser's main goal for this year is to finish above .500, but McLean has higher goals in mind.

"Our goal is to be nationally ranked. We think we can beat the majority of the people on our schedule," MacLean said.

The men will have to play hard to achieve their goals, according to Glaeser. The team will face the defending NCAA Division III national champions, Salisbury State University, again this year. Salisbury, a member of the Capital Athletic Conference like MWC, defeated their opponents by an average margin of 15 goals last season. The Eagles will also face Hampden-Sydney, Washington and Lee University, and St. Mary's College, all of which were ranked in the top 15 last season.

"I think at times guys focus too much on our record. If they get caught up in that stuff, you lose focus. I think we need to stay focused on us this year, and not beat ourselves," Glaeser said.

Glaeser believes that the team's strengths lie in its attack, the front line. That is where he plans to work his offense.

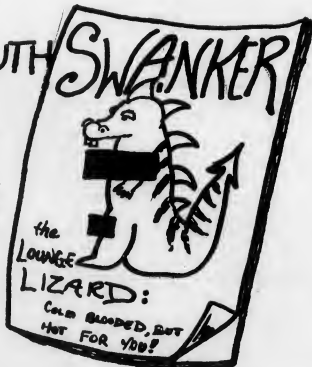
Even though the team has had to toil in the gym, or in freezing temperatures, Glaeser has persevered in preparing the team for the upcoming season. He believes that the key to his team's season is "Playing hard and playing smart."

Aldrich believes that the team is working towards this goal so far, despite the bad weather.

"This is the hardest working squad that we've ever had," Aldrich said. It's tough with the gym, squeezing all of the sports in, but we've been going out more than any other team. If the snow is off the ground, we're out there."

The men's team will leave the snow and bad weather behind over spring break for a week-long trip to Orlando, Florida. There the team will train and get more opportunities to play outside before its first game. The season opener will take place March 9 at the Battleground against Kenyon College.

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Norm Storms Dodd

By Leigh Reveley
Bulletin Staff Writer

"Was he drunk, high, or was it all part of the act?" was the question on most students' minds after Norm MacDonald visited Mary Washington College Tuesday.

The "Saturday Night Live" cast member performed a stand-up routine at Dodd Auditorium on the evening of Feb. 27. The audience, comprised mostly of MWC students, had mixed reactions to the show. Most people found it hilarious, some didn't find it so funny, some found it long and drawn out, and a few found it offensive. There did, however, seem to be a general consensus that MacDonald was not in a natural state of mind, though it all may have been part of his act.

Norm MacDonald, a native of Canada, started his stand-up career nine years ago. Upon moving to Los Angeles he became a writer for the ABC series "Roseanne." The 33 year old joined the cast of "Saturday Night Live" two years ago and has become the popular anchor of the "Weekend Update." He made his first feature movie debut last March in "Billy Madison."

The crowd was drizzled upon while waiting in a line that extended back between Mason and Randolph dorms. The doors to the auditorium opened at 9 p.m.

The audience was surprised and pleased to find that the opening act was a member of the MWC community, psychology professor, Chris Kilmartin. The professor has been doing stand-up since 1985 and has performed with prestigious comedians from "Late Night with David Letterman" and the Improv comedy club in Los Angeles.

Kilmartin began his routine with the subject of food. "Do you really enjoy eating something with the word 'Wiz' in the name?" he asked the audience, referring to Cheez Wiz.

He then continued with stories from his days as a school boy and then covered the subjects of relationships and male bonding. Fredericksburg was the next topic of his choice.

"Did you know that Fredericksburg has a sister city in France? Well, we do. Its because they also give names to their pick-up trucks," the professor said about the town.

Kilmartin closed with a few cracks about politics and drugs. He received a very warm reaction from the audience, who loved him.

"He was very funny, as usual," commented freshman Theresa Campbell.

Norm MacDonald sauntered on stage wearing wrinkled jeans and a leather jacket. As soon as he opened his mouth to address the audience, he started mumbling, which gave the general impression that he was intoxicated. However, the audience found this very amusing and laughed everytime he mumbled throughout the show.

The comedian warmed up the audience with a few jokes about Kilmartin's position as psychology professor and then discussed college for a little while.

"Has this ever happened to you?" he asked the audience, "Did you ever get somewhere and then when you were there wonder why you went? That happened to me once. Yeah, I got to college..."

MacDonald's next targets were drugs and alcohol. "Acid is too bizaare... You're saying to your friend, 'Look at this really cool fold I've got in my pants...' Then later on in the evening you have dead grandmothers crawling up your leg," he joked about the drug.

The "Saturday Night Live" cast member continued his stand-up routine with some bar situations (bar snacks seemed to be a recurring theme) and some situations revolving around various body parts. The last segment of the show involved a lot of crowd interaction and focused on game shows.

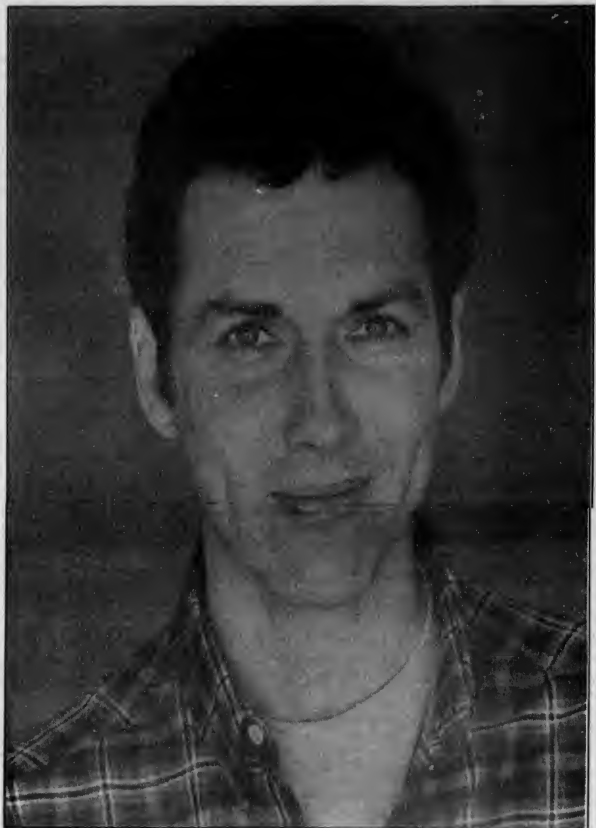
"I know every game show ever made. Name any game show and I'll show you how pathetic my life is," he challenged the audience.

Members of the audience shouted out really obscure gameshows, and the comedian would make them the butt of a joke. Following the gameshow segment, MacDonald addressed the crowd, "Is there anything you want to talk about?"

A loud voice shouted, "O.J." "O.J... He's a good man, but he's not going to kill anyone else," MacDonald replied.

After a few more jokes the performer closed the show

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Frat Brothers Step It Up At the Step Show

Annual Performance Brings Fraternities From All Over State

By Chevvone Bray
Bulletin Staff Writer

On Sunday, Feb. 24 BOND (Black Men Of A Direction) and Women of Color held their 6 annual step show competition in Dodd Auditorium. Before the show began, BOND president Carl Poole and Women of Color President Raven Ellis dedicated the step show to BOND's former faculty advisor, Keith Hairston, who passed away earlier this year.

The event's master of ceremonies was faculty member Kim Coleman Dickerson. Dickerson gave a quick introductory course on black Greek organizations, their rituals and symbols and the origins and cultural impact of stepping.

With that out of the way, the show finally began. The audience were on the edge of their seats as S.H.O.U.T. (Students Hopes Outcries United Together), the first high school group allowed to partake in the Step show, hit the stage. According to Gwendolyn Reynolds, a social and African American studies teacher at Albemarle high school, the group has been around for 10 years. The club has been stepping for five years and focuses on community service, peer interaction, and performance group.

The JV component of S.H.O.U.T. were first up. They marched from the four corners of the stage and met at the center. The JV's team was all female. They wore long, bright red Calvin Klein T-shirts and blue jeans. The girls stepped with precision as Mrs. Reynolds cheered them on.

Then as the JV's left the stage a distorted voice boomed over the speakers. With Montel Jordans' "This is How We Do It" playing, the voice introduced Albemarle's Varsity step team. The crowd went wild as the Varsity players came on stage. The high school students thoroughly entertained and inspired the crowd, with their cadence, almost militaristic, and fluid jazz steps. The Varsity students performed a routine using canes which brought a roar of approval for the audience.

The first fraternity to perform that evening was Phi Beta Sigma from VCU, last year's winners. As a blue light blanketed the six men on stage they began to move. The men formed a single regimented line on stage, with one man flanking them on their right. The members sang the soulful cadence and then they were off. Working their bodies as they worked the crowd the Sigma's gyrated their hips and brought a burst of appreciative yells from the crowd.

The fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha from IMU, really put on a show. Dressed in Egyptian garb, and little else, the Alpha's brought a roar of appreciation. When the frat brothers appeared on stage the crowd went nuts. Their steps



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity brothers from VCU perform at last Saturday's Step Show in Dodd Auditorium.

were good, but it was their showmanship that appealed to the crowd.

The Alpha's program included not only stepping, but live music as well. The line leader stopped, told the audience "I know baby, I know," and "it's not over" as he signaled for the Alpha sax player to hit the stage. As the sax wailed the Alpha's sang a soulful cadence to their frat.

Then a frat brother in a gorilla suit appeared and began to hump the stage. Clad in their black and gold fraternity colors the Alphas moved from ancient Egypt to the Jungle to modern day Minneapolis as the speakers blasted the Time's song "Jungle Love."

see STEPSHOW, page 9



By David McKim and Rob Thormeyer
Bulletin Staff Travel Agents

Spring break: so much to do, so little time.

1. **Argue with a friend:** Call up your best friend from high school and ask them a simple question: "Why don't you ever call me?" When they respond "What the hell are you talking about? Who are you?" say "geez, you haven't called me for three months and you are already coping an attitude. God, I hate it when you pull this crap. I'm never talking to you again!" After hanging up, call them right back and see if they can give you a ride to the Baltimore Aquarium, as well as fronting the admission cost. Love those sting rays.

2. **Argue with your parents:** Although this can make for an uncomfortable break, the best thing about it is you don't have to start the argument. Mom and Dad generally jump right into it by saying "so, why are you a sophomore again this year?" A good response is "to spend an extra year away from you, and to have you pay for it!" From there, things really pick up.

3. **Become a messenger for the mob:** Do you want to make more money? Sure, we all do. And here's how. Become a messenger boy for the mob. The pay is good and boy, can you get good recommendations. Here's an example, this one turned in by Vinnie "Three Thumbs" Maccelli for Fred McMurray. "Freddy-boy's real good at dealing with the competition. He never takes 'no' for an answer. His PR skills are highly developed and his knowledge of the human anatomy is razor-sharp. And boy, can he handle a 45."

4. **Work at the cheese factory:** Why not? You've always wanted to.

see LIZARD, page 9

WMWC Top Ten List

Place	Album	Artist
1.	"Mellon Collie & Infinite Sadness"	Smashing Pumpkins
2.	"Rare On Air, Vol II"	Rare On Air
3.	"Different Class"	Pulp
4.	"Junky"	Union Deposit Road
5.	"Coast To Coast Hotel"	G. Love
6.	"Boys For Pele"	Tori Amos
7.	"Hyper-Ballad"	Bjork
8.	Beautiful Girls Soundtrack	Various Artists
9.	"Set the Twilight Reeling"	Lou Reed
10.	"AAA Radio Sampler"	Natalie Merchant

The Top Ten List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC and determined by the amount of airplay an album receives by the DJs of the station.

Questions? Please call the Bulletin at x1133 or WMWC at x1152

Local Music Scene

IRISH BRIGADE

Thursday: Kings In Disguise
Friday: Elephant Boy and Bog
Saturday: Eccentrics

SANTA FE GRILL & SALOON

Thursday: Augustus Gloop
Friday/Saturday: Black Alloy Band

GEORGE ST. GRILL

Thursday: Thrift Unit
Friday/Saturday: GTU

Coming Attractions...

Ongoing exhibition until March 3: **Thomas Gonda:**
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February 29, March 1: Movie, "A Clockwork Orange," Dodd Auditorium

March 1- March 10: SPRING BREAK!!!!

March 13: Concert, Lungfish; 8 p.m.; Underground; \$1 for students, \$3 general public

March 14: "Clitnotes," Holly Hughes, Performance Artist
March 31: Wendy Liebman (comedian), 9 p.m.; Dodd Auditorium; \$1 students, \$3 general public; tickets go on sale 3/25

"Colored Museum" Leaves Klein Theater Tickled Pink

By Inger Brinck
Bulletin Assistant Entertainment Editor

Too bad this play only gave four performances. Written by George Wolfe, "The Colored Museum" is a satirical portrayal of eleven different elements of black culture from Vietnam to 70's hairstyles and drag queens.

Other skits included a disturbing portrayal titled "Permutations" which was about a young woman, played by Sherika Wormely (also appeared in "Picnic") who was locked up in a closet by her mother because she was different. The young woman ended up screwing the garbage man, and exclaimed about the sexual experience, "It was liking fu—ing a fruit salad!"

The play was an outstanding display of talent from all perspectives. Acting, stage design, and costumes were carefully thought out and put together.

The first portrayal was with Miss Pat, the airline stewardess,

Play Review

played by Octava Beverlin. It was an exciting travel through time, and although funny, set the serious, underlying tone of the play.

The real strength of the play was not just the humor, but the underlying seriousness. The heavy lines that made you laugh, but at the same time clench your teeth and sigh, realizing the destructive power of stereotype and evilness.

"Soldier with a Secret," played by Rachel Collins, was one of the more serious exhibitions. About a soldier in Vietnam faced with front line battle, getting killed, but realizing that the war zone in Vietnam is nothing worse than the racial war in America. For the soldier, there would be no glorious homecoming — no

Fourth of July — even if she made it back alive.

Two of the funniest skits were "Mama on the Couch," and "Hair Pieces." "Mama on the Couch" played off the male character's suffering by the white man — his boss. The depiction was set up to be a Hollywood Awards affair, giving an "Oscar" like trophy to each of the other characters except for the black man, who could get no attention for his suffering.

"Hair Pieces," was a hilarious performance with Beverlin as the main woman, Sharon Reavis as the long, straight hair piece, and Tasha White as the kinky hair piece. The hair pieces' bodies were hidden, showing only their heads on a table like two mannequin heads. Suddenly the heads started talking to each other, fighting over which hair piece the woman would wear that day. It was a fast-paced dialogue executed amazingly well, so fast that it ended too quickly.

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with, "It's been fun. Have a good night and God bless."

Students felt free to comment after the show.

"He had me laughing so hard at one point that I could not stop laughing and leaning over and my ribs were hurting..." senior Todd Pousac shared his amusement.

Freshman Kyle Colin said about MacDonald's performance, "It got a little repetitious. He kept going back to the same things. He talked about some sick stuff."

Students not only had different opinions about the show, but were also confused as to whether or not MacDonald was under the influence of an intoxicant.

Freshman Theresa said, "It's quite a possibility that he had some foreign stimulant in his system."

"I could tell he was faking it or that it was just part of an act," Drew Dear, a freshman commented.

Regardless of his state, Norm MacDonald had the talent to make hundreds of MWC students laugh. The general consensus seems to be that Giant Productions put on a very entertaining show.

Alvey Palooza Tries It Again After Troubled Years Past

By Inger Brinck
Bulletin Assistant Entertainment Editor

A new, revamped Alvey Palooza will appear on March 30th from 12pm - 5pm in Ball Circle. The event will host several bands, and bring in local vendors to sell food and drinks or merchandise. Students can purchase tables for \$10 to sell their talents; arts, crafts, or whatever.

This is the third year for the Alvey Palooza festival, which last year, "to put it nicely, was a flop," said Alanna Weaver, vice-president of Alvey Hall, the sponsor for the event.

Weaver said, "This year, we've put it in a more accessible location. We're concentrating more on the music part of it — trying to get a variety of bands, especially on-campus groups, so we can draw more people. Knock on wood, it'll be a beautiful day!"

Peter Hua, president of Alvey Hall, and Weaver are still in the process of auditioning bands, and want to get the word out for bands to send a tape if they're interested in performing. The sponsors will provide a "really great" sound system for the bands to use, so that equipment is not necessary.

Alvey Palooza is an attempt to bring students together, to have some

fun, enjoy the day. It was especially created as a prep for the junior ring dance, but welcomes all students.

Alvey Hall R.A., Jeff Campbell said, "It's gonna be big. A lot of bands, a lot of vendors, and hopefully a lot of fun." Campbell also stressed the really cool t-shirts that are going to be available.

Weaver said they're still working out details, like trying to get a pizza joint and some other food vendors to buy a table and supply some food and drinks, which Alvey Hall is working with the sellers to provide at minimal cost or free to students.

For now, they are having all of the vendors put their names on a cup that will be distributed at the event. The cup, which will either be free, or for a small price, will allow students to get food and drinks from participating vendors.

Basically Alvey Palooza is being created, or restored, to give students a day for fun and entertainment. If you want more information, or want an audition for your band, get in touch with either Weaver (x4576) or Hua (x4555).

Maybe this will be the start of increasing contact between students and opening up possibilities for more all-campus events.



Fish Out of Water!

Lungfish will be playing March 13 in the Underground, the week after Spring Break, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1 for MWC students and \$3 for non-students.

Lungfish is currently signed on Fugazi's Dischord label and recently released their new album "Sound In Time." The band toured last year with Joan Jett and hopes to hit Europe this fall.



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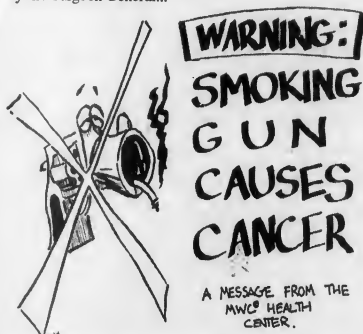
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Another frat brother appeared from off stage, only this one was wearing a white suit and carrying a mirror, like Jerome Benton of the Time. The Alpha's coup de grace was the pumping pyramid, when all of the brothers climbed on top of one another and created a pyramid as they thrust their pelvises toward the crowd.

The final frat of the evening Omega Psi Phi, from VSU. The steppers of this group were illuminated by their color purple as they danced on stage. They wore the expressively mean faces that they are known for.

They began their performance stepping from the four corners of the stage as they performed intricate intersections and other maneuvers flawlessly. As their performance ended they left the stage to the tune of the "Atomic Dog."

A setback to the evening came

when it was time to see the sororities step. But they were no where to be seen. Only one sorority member was present, her name was Carolyn Brandon.

With a look of determination this Delta Sigma Theta member was one of the most impressive spectacles that evening.

In the end The Alpha's from JMU won the competition for frat and Brandon won for sorority. The first place winners got a trophy and \$500 in cash, while the second place winners, Omega Psi Phi, got \$100. Brandon was relieved that it was all over and when asked about how it felt to be sole winner in the competition she said "feels good."

The Sigma's were a little put off by the entire show. Their basic problem was with the Alpha's display of graphic movements and lewd language. But over all, everyone had a great time.



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Especially if you've read (or worked for) the column next door.

5. Join the GI's: Learn the inner workings of a Patriot Missile (code name: LIZARD) and how they shot down each and every SCUD missile in the Gulf War (of course, that's assuming the SCUDs made it remotely near their target, which, due to faulty wiring is highly unlikely). Be all that they can't be.

6. Help O.J. look for the real killers: Spend your spring break on the prowl for that dastardly villain, Mr. Real Killer of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Huh, with a name like that you'd think he'd be easy to find. Join OJ's task force SLASH (Searching Laboriously and Secretly for Him) and take the dangerous farways of Pebble Beach and pray you make it back alive, or at least on par. Requirements: Must purchase OJ's new video and be able to taxi a golf cart.

7. Get ahead in your classes: Impress your parents! Show them that you really DO care about your school work and that their money is not being wasted on four years of college. Convince them that it's worth keeping you in school even though the dog really needs that new bed, and sister could really use a new kidney, and Dad really needs that liver transplant. Aah, who're we trying to kid.

8. Practice Projectile Vomiting for the upcoming Olympics: Even though we mentioned it last week, this is about the only event the US could sweep. Practice is simple: Just bring back some old Bullets and read a certain column (which shall remain nameless, those SCUDS).

9. Go to DC and balance the budget: Look, it's simple: stop spending money!

10. Think of good column ideas: Are you funny? Well, lend your humor to those guys next door, they could really use it.

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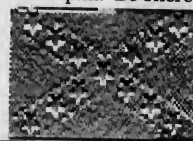
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are slammed in our ears. And messages often go unanswered.

In spite of this, every news story that runs in the Bulletin is expected to have three live sources. All stories are expected to include budget information. All names, titles, and facts are expected to be verified. A ton of paperwork and time go into each story and each writer faces tight deadlines in addition to standard assignments, papers, tests, and homework. How many faculty and administrators are aware that this much work goes into the stories in the Bulletin?

Realize that we student journalists are human. We make mistakes. Sometimes our mistakes appear in the Bulletin. When people call about those mistakes, or take the time to ask for a correction to a misquote, then we can honestly address those mistakes and concerns in the pages of the Bulletin so that the entire campus can know the truth.

Some administrators and faculty

have complained about being misquoted in the Bulletin but how many have actually called or written to have any misquotes corrected? For every story that someone suspects bears a misquote or a quote out of context, how many other stories run that are correct?

Last week's Bulletin ran a letter to the editor from Dean Barbara Palmer who wrote that she had been misquoted in an article and I applaud her steps toward dialogue. While I may or may not agree with Dean Palmer, I respect her efforts toward maintaining and clarifying communication between her office, the paper, and the campus at large. I can't help but believe that everyone would benefit if, instead of mumbling under breaths, those concerned would write or call the Bulletin to help ensure that all the information printed is accurate and in context.

There is a definite bias against student journalists by some administrators on this campus. Bulletin

journalists are often treated in a hostile manner by administrators. It is a sad fact that we are often viewed by some as inept at best, and the enemy at worst. So why is it that the Bulletin continues to place highly in journalism competitions on national levels, but receives little respect from the college administration?

It would be so refreshing if administrators could appreciate the efforts we journalists go to to ensure quality writing in our articles. It would also be refreshing if administrators would take the time to point out the correct figures on a budget printout. *Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance...fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

Debbie Carey is a senior communications major.

The Movie Game

Simply link movie actors through their co-stars, like so: (Remember - connections that involve TV in any way do not count)

Here are this week's Movie Game matches:

This one is pretty easy:

Oprah Winfrey and Sharon Stone

Here's one that's a little harder:

Kirsten Dunst and Geena Davis

In honor of Women's History Month, this week's matches must be made using only women.

Do you have any matches you would like to see in the Bulletin? Make up your own and send them to box 604 with the solutions.

Here are last week's answers:

This match was made by freshmen Emily Heun and Summer Speidell.

Christian Slater and Ellen DeGeneres

Christian Slater - Kiefer Sutherland (Young Guns II);

Christian Slater - Kiefer Sutherland (Flatliners); **Julia Roberts** - Denzel Washington (Pelican Brief); **Denzel Washington** - Keanu Reeves (Much Ado About Nothing); **Keanu Reeves** - Sandra Bullock (Speed); **Sandra Bullock** - Bill Pullman (White You Were Sleeping); **Bill Pullman** - **Ellen DeGeneres** (Mr. Wrong)

This match was made by sophomore Ernie Yermoli.

David Bowie and Tom Waits

David Bowie - Willem Dafoe (Last Temptation of Christ); **Willem Dafoe** - Nicholas Cage (Wild at Heart); **Nicholas Cage** - Olympia Dukakis (Moonstruck); **Olympia Dukakis** - Dolly Parton (Steel Magnolias); **Dolly Parton** - Lily Tomlin (Nine to Five); **Lily Tomlin** - **Tom Waits** (Short Cuts)

Send your solutions, and puzzle suggestions to the Bulletin at box 604 - Just write it down and drop it in the Campus Mail slot with our number. Next week we will print the answers and give two more exciting movie matches.

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Finally, I consider myself lucky that I have displaced status so I will be able to live anywhere I want, but I feel sorry for the people who live on the first floor and do not desire to live there with freshmen.

I would like to ask, on behalf of the residents of Alvey, that the administration review their plans for Alvey and find a more logical solution to an obvious housing problem.

Bridget Malone junior

Teams Consist Of More Than One

The title of the article "Conference Scheduled At MWC Is Cancelled Without Warning," aside from containing a spelling error, is inappropriate given the content of the piece. Three-fourths of the article was devoted to the biased opinions of others concerning the leadership skills with which the VACURH conference was planned. In a soccer game, blaming the goalie for letting the other team score is ignoring the fact that the ball had to have gotten by the entire team first. This too can be said of the VACURH conference. There were many more people working on this conference than the Bulletin led readers to believe and we are resentful that our contributions were completely ignored. The statement quoted about the conference being planned by two people is ludicrous and not supported factually whatsoever.

If the credit is to be given where credit is due, then perhaps the responsibility for the outcome of the conference needs to be shared as well. As members of the VACURH 1996 staff, we accept responsibility for our contributions in the planning of the conference and deeply regret that the State Board felt the need to cancel our wonderful event due to the incoming inclement weather. If the article were written justly, it would have been obvious that this

conference was a team effort and that the weather was ultimately the factor influencing its cancellation.

Jill Gregory senior
Westmoreland Hall President
Tanya Najarian junior
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Candi Porter senior
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Amy Spellerberg seniors

ARH President Applauds Efforts

Much has appeared in the Bulletin these past couple of weeks concerning the Virginia Association of College and University Residence Halls' leadership conference. Its abrupt rise and fall has been well-chronicled for the campus community, bringing a promise of "delegates [who will] descend upon Fredericksburg" to the revelation of the so-called "scam" that was its cancellation. While the decision to cancel was disappointing, and arguably inappropriate in its timing, there is little doubt that it was for the best for the delegates that were to travel to our conference.

That is little consolation, however, for all of the people that dedicated their time and energy into making this project a reality. Despite rumors that might now be floating around to the contrary, this conference was definitely a team effort. Credit should be given where it is due and much of that belongs to the members of the Association of Residence Halls. This conference could not have been possible without the efforts of the residence hall presidents and their Hall Council volunteers - I congratulate and thank them all.

We received invaluable support from the campus and community as well. To which we would like to extend appreciation. Thanks to Geof

Hart and the Student Government Association, Andelyn Tapscott and Senate, Rebecca Manners and Judicial Review Board, Alethea Christon and Tori Hillier of SGA Executive Cabinet, Susan Worell and the Wood Company, Margaret Park and TRW, Lura Gordan and the Fredericksburg Visitors Center, and all of the other area businesses that supported us. Special thanks to everyone who volunteered the time as program presenters - they were the backbone of our conference.

Final thanks goes to the Bulletin. Although the timing was unfortunate, the original coverage of our conference was wonderful. It was disappointing that we were not able to experience the full realization of our hard work, but we do measure some level of success in the exposure we received. As a final wrap-up to our canceled conference, copies of that article were forwarded to all of the schools scheduled to attend. If the conference was destined not to be, at least we have some record of what it could have been.

Noah Ristau senior
Association of Residence Halls President
VACURH Conference Chairman

Guest Lecturer Generalizes Political Group

I attended the lecture of Mr. Julian Bond this past week, and while he is a man of intelligence and humor, I had difficulty accepting many of his comments. I don't doubt that racism exists in America, but his recommendations for its elimination were significantly off the mark.

He broadly condemned the Republican Party, characterizing its *raison d'être* as the exploitation of racial hatred. While racism may motivate some members of that party, it is hardly an official stance! His evidence supporting this

condemnation lay with efforts to scale back affirmative action. He drew parallels between rising drug use, inner city crime, unwed births and a host of other unhealthy circumstances, and the weakening of affirmative action programs. However, the statistics he quoted have occurred alongside affirmative action over the last several decades. It would seem, therefore, that the existence of these programs is not linked to improved socio-economic conditions for the portion of the African-American community to which he referred.

Similarly, he didn't mention that pressure in California to repeal affirmative action in college recruiting came primarily from the Asian community, as this was the group being most restricted by the affirmative action standards used in admissions.

It wasn't until prompted by an audience member following the lecture that Mr. Bond finally paid lip service to the role of personal responsibility, or lack thereof, in the problems of the inner city. While he did not deny the importance of responsibility, he downplayed it.

The bottom line is that racism emanates from some dark place in the human heart. It cannot be legislated away, nor can it be lessened by impinging on the rights of others in the name of redressing grievances. Mr. Bond even tried to imply that opposition to affirmative action equals the Jim Crow laws passed in

reaction to Reconstruction! This, despite the fact that there are ample laws under which anyone, of any group, can sue if he experiences discrimination. No one is seriously attempting to change that. It solves nothing to institute a system giving preferences on the basis of any factor other than merit.

Racism, like any other form of bigotry, is an ugly aspect of the human condition which can't be completely eliminated, and may only be alleviated through communication and understanding - not through blame or accusation or generalizations about the malevolent motives of any single political group.

Christie Gardner class of 1993

COAR Calls For Involvement

Hey there campers. More wild and wacky news from the COAR office, conveniently located between the video games and the ATM in Woodard Campus Center...ah, COAR. Sounds like the kind of thing you find in the middle of an apple, but it's ever so much more.

Wow. It's pretty crazy what goes on down here...COAR is (what a surprise) a student-run organization that coordinates the service shenanigans of students and faculty. (We work on service-learning stuff,

too. That means we try to get faculty to include community service in their courses. That's right. Community service in your classes. It's really nifty-skeadalee out to a location near you and try some today).

So, anyway, we have just tons and tons of programs. No, really...tons. Everything from hunger and homelessness to children and youth (because we know you miss purple kool-aid and oreos). We can hook you up with environmental things, HIV/AIDS support work, apple picking, adult literacy training, and more, more, more. The options are astounding.

Stop in sometime or call us to find out more of the revolutionary things brewing down there in the censure weensie offices in the campus center. Or talk to other students - there's a whole gaggle of them doing service out there. Last semester alone 360 members of the MWC community contributed over 8,400 hours of their time to the local and regional community. This is not a type-o. Eight thousand, four hundred hours of no-joke community service. That's a lot of 'all out there making a difference, right in your own back yard.

And they ask what the revolution is about.

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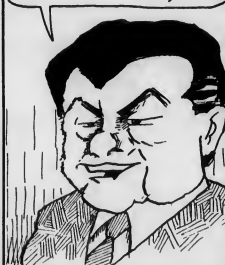
Chuck Hildebrand senior

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changes because neither the upperclassmen nor the freshmen had been consulted.

"Most residents don't like it because they're being pushed out of a dorm they like. It's one of the nicest dorms, and it's a privilege to be here," Hua said.

One of the reasons for converting the floors to freshmen living quarters is the possibility of accepting several handicapped students to the college next year. Officials have judged Alvey to be one of the most easily accessible dorms, according to Dow Stick, the Head Resident in Alvey for the 1996-97 school year.

However, Alanna Weaver, Alvey Hall Senator, made a motion in Senate last week for the Welfare Committee to look into placing the freshmen in any other dorm besides Alvey Hall. The motion was tabled last Wednesday but was passed this week after much discussion.

"We felt that Alvey was actually one of the least accessible dorms for handicapped students. It does have an elevator so students aren't confined to one floor, [but] if the students were upstairs during a fire, they couldn't use the elevator to get down," Weaver said.

Weaver pointed out that Alvey is located further from the main academic buildings than any other dorm. Also,

she noted, students in wheelchairs would have to either go out to College Avenue or around by Chandler Hall to get to Seacobeck.

Finally, Weaver said that the only entrance to Alvey that is handicapped accessible is the back entrance, which she says is dark, unsafe and barely used.

"I've only used it maybe five times in two years," Weaver said.

According to John Wittenmuth, director of the Physical Plant, Alvey is considered one of the "easier" dorms for handicapped students to use. He also noted that projects are underway to make all dorms conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires that all public buildings be handicapped accessible.

Wittenmuth added that the Physical Plant will be adding a ramp to Virginia Hall and converting one room in the hall to handicapped accessible standards.

Dean Beck said that Alvey was the logical choice to house students with special needs not only because Alvey has an accessible entrance, but also because it is air-conditioned. This will mean students will not have to buy window-units, which they would have had to do in other freshmen dorms.

Other handicapped accessible dorms include South, Willard and New Halls.

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